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Can a poor man be more fortunate than a rich man? Certainly. God's Word attaches no special virtue to either wealth or poverty. In fact, Jesus Himself emphasized constantly that whether or not we are *blessed* has nothing at all to do with outward circumstances. Blessedness is an inner quality which can be felt and enjoyed by people in any income group and under any form of government. This blessedness is not a result of benefits accruing from income or governments. It is a blessedness that is *given* to the *soul*, not to the body. It is God who gives it. It is given to the believer in Christ. It is the possession only of the one who has received the foremost of all God-to-man gifts, namely, faith that Jesus Christ is the Savior from the guilt of sin and from eternal death.

"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt. 12:13). In making this statement, Jesus was not referring to earthly possessions. In fact, as the preceding verses reveal, He was referring to the possession of spiritual gifts and to the spiritual discernment possessed by those who have the gift of faith. To those who have faith, more shall be given. They shall even have abundance, but this abundance cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It is not quantitative at all. It is qualitative. It is *blessedness*. It is spiritual discernment.

As most people know by now, western Germany is becoming crowded with refugees from behind the Iron Curtain. Could one of these refugees be more fortunate than, say, a comfortable and respectable business man and his family living in a thirty-thousand dollar home in a fine suburban area of Minneapolis? Yes. If the refugee has faith in Christ as Savior and the above-named business man does not, then the refugee is infinitely more fortunate. Moreover, we can reverse the example and say that if it is the business man who has faith in Christ as Savior and the refugee who does not, then the business man is more fortunate. What about the refugee without faith? We might say that he has less than nothing.

The harvest is past in this prairie community. The crops were abundant. Though they were not bumper crops this year, almost all farmers near here had in-

come sufficient to provide them not only with a living but also with various luxuries. There were many luxuries for some; for others, a few. Some used their surplus to purchase the comforts of life in great or small measure. Others bought land, stocks and bonds, or put money into a savings account. This, too, is luxury, abundance.

Again, the amount of luxury bounty of the living standard *not* what produces *blessedness*. In all men in a land of plenty can enjoy some luxuries. Material benefits of life are gifts from God (whether they be a dry crust of bread or a \$5.00 steak). It is these gifts from God which produce blessedness, even though they certainly give much cause for thankfulness. Furthermore, he alone who is spiritually blessed by possessing faith in Christ is the least bit capable of thanking God in the way God desires to be thanked for material benefits.

Thus, only the person who is spiritually blessed with faith in Christ as the One who gave his life on Calvary's cross for sinful men can be truly said to be fortunate. *Unbelievers are unfortunate*, whether they be rich or poor, powerful or weak. All true believers are fortunate because they are *blessed*.

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Built on the Rock

*The early Church our forbears strove to build
Still stands a monument to their staunch race;
The Church now proves their fondest dreams fulfilled
Their great-grandchildren still in its embrace.
The Word of God graced every humble hut,
Their guide and confidence in time of need;
The home of pioneers was never shut
To men of God who came to sow the Seed.
The first church spire arose upon a hill,
A beacon light to lead their steps aright;
They lit the torch that burns on altars still
And flames afar to spread the Gospel light.
In spite of hardships, trials, often tears,
Upon the Rock they built, for future years!*

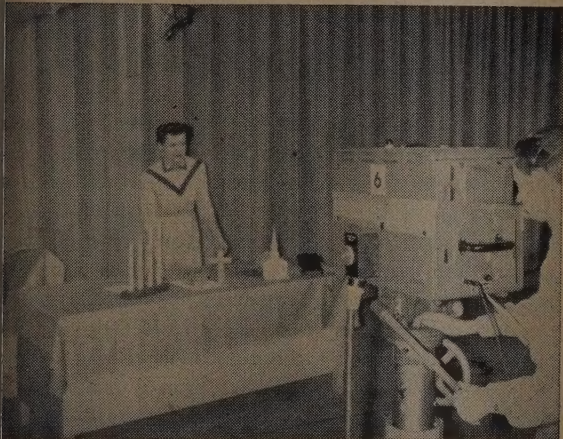
LILA E. BRAGSTAD

Fortune

The Prairie Pastor



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The actual telecasting in the WREX-TV studio of the program, "Come and See" with Mrs. Robert McCalmon as the program narrator.

"Come and See"

John 1:39

TELEVISION EVANGELISM AT THE
CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL

Ruth M. Varland

four adults and four children met in the parsonage living room for its first worship service, the congregation had the Rev. Lyle B. Gangsei as its first pastor. It held its organizational meeting January 20, 1948, with thirty-two persons present.

Today the church membership has grown to a total of 761. The growth of this church during its seven years of life has been due largely to its evangelism program. The first effort in its parish advance and visitation program was in the autumn of 1948. That season sixteen couples made 132 calls on four successive evenings. Since that time, except for one year, visitation teams have gone out twice a year. It is of interest to note that in the October, 1954, calling, eight of the couples participating had also gone out on the first visitation! During this last visitation, twenty-four couples completed fifty-eight assigned calls.

The effectiveness of the parish advance program was best shown in the first years of the church's life. By the fall of 1948 seventy-five people were taken into active membership. Pastor Gangsei conducted eight adult instruction classes in the first two and one-half years.

Indirectly, the evangelism program increased enrollment in the Sunday school. The educational unit was built when the chapel space became inadequate. This two-level structure was begun late in 1951 and dedicated September 21, 1952. The Rev. Clifford J. Swanson was pastor at that time. The Sunday school enrollment today is 390. With an administrative staff of eleven, a teaching staff of thirty-six, and ten associates working

Children in the Rockford, Illinois, area have a Saturday morning television program offered to them which is a marked contrast to the ordinary fare of animated cartoons and adventure films. At 10:15 they are greeted by Harriet McCalmon. She invites them to share a Bible story on "Come and See," a series of Bible stories and programs built on Bible texts. She reminds them that tomorrow is Sunday and that that is the day we attend the church and Sunday school of our choice. Using visual aids, such as flannelboard materials, animal models, and maps and slides to add interest to the story, she tells the Bible story in the fifteen minutes allotted to her.

Cards and letters sent to WREX-TV by listeners show splendid response on the part of the younger viewers. Each piece of mail received is interpreted as standing for fifty listeners. Since almost 150 letters are received each week, this program is heard by about 7,500 children every Saturday. Mothers listen too, and in this industrial area many fathers are home from work in machine shops and factories on Saturday mornings and the letters they write show that they are appreciative listeners.

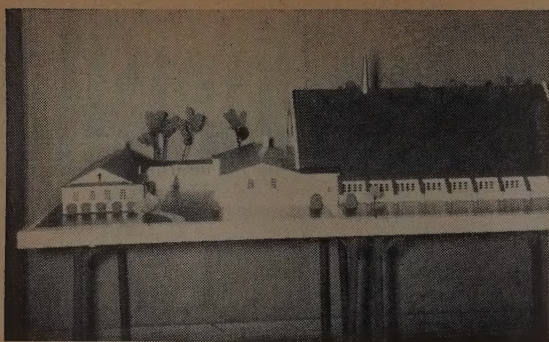
This television program is a part of the evangelism outreach by the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. It is the only ELC church in this city of 105,000 population. Established as a Home Mission church on October 5, 1947, when twenty-

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Pictured above is an architect's model of the two present units of the church and a possible arrangement including the new proposed church. The church pictured does not represent the architectural design itself which will be used, only one that is under consideration.

in the Sunday school, we find that fifteen per cent of the adult membership is actively helping in the Sunday school.

The nucleus of the idea of a television program began at a meeting of the Planning Committee in March of 1953. The Planning Committee was formed in January of that year for the purpose of studying long-term policies and growth of Good Shepherd. As a guest at this meeting, a representative of the staff of WREX-TV, one of two local transmitters, came to discuss the place of television in the church of the future. One suggestion he made was that there was a large field to be developed in children's programs of a Christian nature. He urged us to study the possibilities of a Sunday school program using one of our own teachers to act for us. The Planning Committee's chairman, Robert McCalmon, asked one of the members, Mrs. Orville L. Varland, Jr., to get the reaction of a group of church women as to the possibilities of a program of this type. Little did we suspect that in eight months this program would be a reality!

The preliminary meeting of these church women proved so enthusiastic for the idea that permission was asked and granted from the Church Council to begin work on the program. August and September meetings were in preparation for writing a series of scripts.

The most difficult part was defining our purpose and our approach. We found that we were pioneers in this field. We were beginners and we had to establish our own premises. We opened our meetings with devotions and prayer and asked the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Slowly, the pattern of what we should do began to emerge.

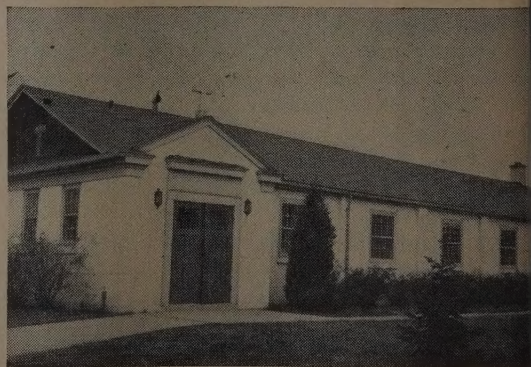
The most important decision was that this program should be evangelistic. It should be Christ-centered, aimed to familiarize the child with the Bible and to use it himself. We decided that Bible texts would be used in every program. We would tell the child what

the program was about, proceed with the story, and closing review it briefly and point out a significant Christian truth it offered. The program would be simple in its delivery; quality of its material high; and best visual aids we could find would be used to sustain interest. Our series was based on topics from both Old and New Testaments, to be preceded by a program called, "An Introduction to the Bible." As a theme song, our music director Daniel Jensen suggested the St. Olaf Choir recording, "Praise to the Lord." Permission to use this music was given.

Scripts and music were not all we needed. We had to find a narrator with pleasing appearance, a well-modulated speaking voice, and the necessary spiritual maturity to make the message ring true. It takes a certain kind of courage to stand before a live television camera and act, and our narrator had to have that quality, too. We were fortunate in having as a member of our congregation Mrs. Robert McCalmon, who agreed to audition at the station. Harriet was accepted by station WREX-TV and has been our narrator for the five programs we have produced.

The first and trial contract is for thirteen weeks. The station was interested in our program because it has been the station policy to encourage church attendance. As a community service, it gave spot announcements urging listeners to go to the church of his choice on Sunday. Our program, non-denominational in approach, was welcomed by it as an opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of church attendance, in this case by reminding children to attend Sunday school. The station personnel has been helpful in teaching us how to make our program technically more effective.

The writing for the program is done by four teams which gives each team one program a month that it is responsible for. A script takes about eight to ten hours to prepare. It has to be made in five copies. Three go to the station, one to narrator to work on, and one remains on permanent file. The writers are Mrs. Way



The exterior view of the chapel or the first unit built of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Trost and Mrs. Hjalmer Magnusson; Mrs. Sam Bruesch and Mrs. Ray Moehring; Mrs. Robert Dennis and Mrs. Daniel Jensen; and Mrs. Orville Varland, Jr., chairman, and Mrs. Malcom Hay.

The financing of the television effort is done by the TV Finance committee under the direction of Edwin A. Hoyum. The money is contributed by Christian business men in Rockford who feel that there is need for a program that promotes the Christian way of life. The costs to be met are those of time purchased from the station; property costs for visual aids; postage and materials to answer mail. The members of the finance committee are Edwin A. Hoyum, chairman; Roy Bay-singer; Wayne Trost; Orville Varland, Jr., treasurer; Robert McCalmon; Kenneth Lizer; and Daniel Jensen.

"Come and See" is telecast to Rockford and Love's Park and the surrounding towns, including Beloit, Freeport, Janesville, Madison, and several smaller towns. When we receive letters from mothers and children telling us how much the Bible stories have meant to them, we feel rewarded and we wish other congregations would try this evangelism method.

A Prayer . . .

for the Evangelism Conference

January 27-30, 1955

MILWAUKEE ARENA, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Father in heaven, bless to us this day as we continue in preparation for the harvest of souls which Thou hast laid upon our conscience.

For the leaders of our conference and our visiting missionaries, we pray: Grant them such measure of Thy divine wisdom and power that they may guide and lead and challenge us to carry out our responsibilities to the lost souls in our midst.

For the men and women who go out to call on their unchurched neighbors, we pray: Be Thou their constant guide and companion on the way, that they may go forth with confidence as true ambassadors for Thy church.

For all the pastors and leaders in our local churches, we pray: May Thy Holy Spirit so fill their hearts and minds that in singleness of purpose they seek to do only Thy will in all of their planning and preaching and teaching. In Jesus' name we ask Thy continual blessing upon all of our preparations, and ask that Thou accept our feeble efforts to praise Thy Holy Name and serve the cause of Thy kingdom.

AMEN.

If You Would Follow Him

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 1955

Text: Mark 1:21-35

It is reported that a large Negro Christian church in Kansas City has this slogan: "Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, stay up, pay up, but never give up, or let up, back up or shut up, until the cause of Christ in this church and in this world is built up." It may not fit in every situation, but believe me, a slogan like that one, once put to work, will lead to many avenues of thought and activity positively directed toward "following Him."

If you would follow Him observe the text carefully and apply the lessons it teaches to your own Christian life. Look well! The first lesson that comes glaring out from the page is this: Christ our Lord was busily engaged in breaking down the road blocks hindering the growth of the spirits of men. He was living a courageous life, attacking the forces of evil and all that would drag men down. He was healing, driving out demons, demonstrating His divine power over the devil and all his works and all his ways.

If you would follow Him remember that you have a task—to attack evil, to level the force of your faith and love and witness against those forces and factors in life that would destroy men and bind and imprison them. It is becoming of Christians to stand against some things in life, to be opposed to sin and all its manifestations, and to be bold enough to be counted on the Lord's side. A Christian is not identified solely by the Scripture he can quote, the pious phrases he can mouth, the pious manner he can wear. He is also identified by the courage he reflects in his opposition to sin. If you would follow Christ in these Epiphany days when He is "showing forth His glory and power," join Him in breaking down the road blocks that hinder the growth of the spirit.

If you would follow Him remember that you have a task—not only to stand against, but to stand for something as well. Those who were released from sin in the text were released to something, they were led to something better and introduced to a new and better life. Therefore, if you would follow Him be prepared to exert patience, to use kindness, to be charitable and loving as you lead others into the light of His love, as you guide them into the circle of His grace.

It is an important business, this business of being a Christian. He who is a Christian will know no rest because there is work to do, lives to change, souls to save, a world to win and a generation of men to bring into the eternal kingdom of our God.

A Look Over the Shoulder

The proper time to write about retrospects and prospects is at the end of one year and the beginning of the next, not several weeks out into January. However, the demands on space for the first two issues of this year were such that the editor was reluctantly compelled to postpone saying what he has to say at the turn of the year until the present issue. We shall devote a few lines here to a look back over the year of grace 1954; God willing, an early issue will have something to say about the prospects in the new year.

As usual, Dr. Winfred E. Garrison has written a summary of "The Year in Religion," which has been made available by *Religious News Service* to its clients. Dr. Garrison selects the following as the outstanding facts of the year for the Churches: For Protestants, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches; for Roman Catholics, the Marian Year; for American Jews, the three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first Jews to what is now the United States.

On a slightly lower plane, but nevertheless significant, he mentions the following: the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society; the large, but not unprecedented, numerical growth of the Churches in the United States; the increase in stewardship of giving to the causes of the Church; and the outstandingly successful evangelistic campaign in London by Dr. Billy Graham.

It will be noticed that most of the events which Dr. Garrison lists affect The Evangelical Lutheran Church only rather indirectly. That does not mean, however, that they are not significant for us. For example, we become more and more convinced that the Assembly of the World Council of Churches exerted a profound influence also on non-member Churches, of which the ELC is one. Even if our Church wanted to—and it does not—it could not isolate itself from the larger movements within the Christian Church. We are a part not only of national Christendom, but of Christendom the world over. What affects our brothers and sisters affects us; what affects us, affects them.

Within the limits of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1954 was also an extremely significant year. There are those who say that it was the most significant year in our 37-year history. Be that as it may, no one who knows and loves the Church can mistake that it was a year of tremendous importance.

Two special matters made it such. In the first place, there was the change in leadership in the two highest offices of our Church. When Dr. Aasgaard and Dr. Gullixson retired, respectively from the presidency of the Church and from the presidency of Luther Theologi-

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cal Seminary, it marked in a real sense the close of an epoch among us. The election of Dr. Schiotz and Dr. Rogness to these positions ushered in a day when the leadership of the Church is in the hands of a new generation. It will take some time for the Church to adjust itself to the change. However, we have yet to meet a person who does not believe that the hand of the Holy Spirit was in the choice of the men who now occupy these positions.

The undoubted progress made with regard to merger is the second special event of great significance. While it is true that the action of last June's convention in this area was not final and irrevocable, we do not see how any participant in that convention, nor, for that matter, any informed member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, can longer doubt that, barring completely unforeseen developments, the merger of our Church with the three sister bodies is not only almost certain but imminent. If everything goes according to schedule, the next convention of the Church, in 1956, will bring us to the verge of actual merger.

Of course it is inevitably special events such as those listed above which occupy the center of attention among us. However, of far greater importance is the ordinary, one might almost say routine, progress of the work of the Kingdom. There were no events, synodically speaking, that were especially attention-drawing. However, in every department of the Church, real progress was made. Under the direction of consecrated boards elected by the Church, and administered by exceedingly capable executives in every department, the work of the Church went on in a most gratifying manner.

Were we to single out the two aspects of the general work of the Church which possibly made the most profound impression upon the membership of the Church, we would select Evangelism and Stewardship. It is more than passing interest to note that these are the two areas of work which most intimately and continuously touch the lives of the parishes and their membership.

As to Evangelism, there can be little doubt but that the "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching" missions have struck a responsive chord throughout the Church. It seems to be quite generally acknowledged that here the congregations are receiving the help they have long wanted in the area of Parish Evangelism. Those who studied the chart which appeared in these pages two weeks ago discovered that these missions reached down into the actual life of the congregations as did possibly nothing

se of a synodical character.

In Stewardship, not only did the Church make tremendous progress financially. Much more than that, the cumulative effect of stewardship education over many, many years is beginning to be more and more felt. The idea that so-called "Stewardship" is confined to dollars and cents is an idea which has been all but universally discarded. In its place is coming that which links stewardship with Evangelism—an understanding of the fact that the Christian life is an entity which cannot be compartmentalized.

To one can categorize what actually transpires in some 700 congregations, much less estimate the progress of the working of the Holy Spirit in almost a million hearts. All one can do is seek out the visible marks of visible workings. There are some of them which, in our estimation, made 1954 a good year in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The standard of the ministry, spiritually and mentally, as it appears to us, is constantly being raised. To the consecrated faculties of our two theological seminaries must, under God, go continual thanks. Never, we are quite sure, has our Church received finer recruits to the ranks of its clergy roster than in the last years.

Church attendance seems to continue on the increase, out of proportion, evidently, to the increase in the size of the membership of the congregations. In more and more one-congregation parishes, several services each Sunday are the order of the day. Communion attendance also seems to be on the increase.

Equally significant is it that lay participation in the work and worship of the Church locally is on the increase. The twin ideas of "the priesthood of all believers" and "Christian vocation" are finding outward expression as never before.

It is things like this which make us thankful to God for what 1954 brought, hopeful for what 1955 will bring, convinced that He is using our Church mightily for the up-building of the Kingdom.

What? Only good to say? No failings, no lapses, no indifference, no sin? Of course; far too much. No Christian and no member of the organized Church can be unmindful of the failings of a year that is gone. Those failings we lay at the feet of the God of mercy, beseeching His forgiveness, praying that with His forgiveness He will give strength that the new year may bring us as individuals, our congregations, and the Church we all love closer to His desires for us.

At the turn of the year, the Rev. Dr. T. F. Gullixson cleared his desk and walked out of the president's office at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul—terminating one of the most fruitful ministries in the history of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. If we know anything about Dr. Gullixson, there wasn't any fanfare; it was not made an "occasion." It was just that the job was done, and so he went on to the next job—a change, to be sure, but only in degree.

The Church is not prepared to take Dr. Gullixson's retirement from its second highest position quite as casually as the retiring president probably desires. The Church knows too well what a debt it owes him. In every way it can, the Church wants to say "Thank you" and "Well done." These lines are just a very small note in that harmony of gratitude.

It was in the fall of 1930 that Dr. Gullixson became the Seminary's second president, succeeding Dr. M. O. Böckman. He came from a parish ministry of 23 years duration. He had a deep respect for the ministry of the Church. He knew that the Church cannot rise higher than its ministry. Raised in the best tradition of evangelical Lutheranism, he approached his new task from a "confessional" viewpoint. Yet he was never a theoretician. Even as theology is a living thing, so the application of a living theology to the work-a-day parish ministry must be practical and dynamic. His roots were deep in the soil: a country boy by birth and upbringing, both the parishes he served also kept him close to those who live by their hands, those who make things grow, those who are the producers.

The range of his interests was as wide as the world. Not a movement but that he weighed it, evaluated it, estimated its effect on the Kingdom. The problems of mobility, immigration laws, the rural life movement, the co-operative movement, the city congregation: everything was grist for his roving, searching mind.

No man has exerted such an influence on the ministry of our Church as has Dr. Gullixson. During the years of his presidency 1,174 men graduated from Luther Theological Seminary. That means that he has put his mark upon the overwhelming majority of the present pastors of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is an influence which will be felt as long as these men are active in the ministry. It is an influence which will be strengthened as long as Dr. Gullixson continues his contacts throughout the Church.

Dr. Gullixson is not "retiring." Announcement has already been made that he has accepted a call to serve the Division of Evangelism. Thus his ministry will go on as long as God gives him strength to work. A grateful Evangelical Lutheran Church prays that that may be for many, many years.

Our Missions Throughout the World

New Year inventories are not so far behind us that they are entirely forgotten. It may be when we made our New Year's inventories and resolutions that they were very personal and local in nature. We maybe did not remember that throughout the entire world there are others also that are taking inventories. These inventories reflect on conditions in the world, but also upon the condition of the church that is supposed to meet these conditions.

The Rev. Einar Unseth, recently meeting with his Bible class composed entirely of University students in Tokyo, was discussing with them the Gospel of John. They got in on the subject of creation and one of the boys said, "You say that God made everything but—there is something wrong with the world." Another missionary writes, "1954 was the 'year of the horse' in Japan according to ancient mythology, but the year of the horse was for Japan a time of great tragedies. The Hydrogen Bomb dusting . . . the sinking of the ferry boat Toyo Maru with the loss of 1,300 lives . . . snow-slides on Mt. Fuji with seventeen university students killed . . . an overloaded excursion boat sunk, drowning twenty young people."

The big troubles of Japan have not only been physical. The big trouble there as in all the world is the lack of recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord and the willingness to be obedient to Him. It is for this reason that we are carrying out mission work as we take inventory in the midst of brewing troubles and threatened disasters. We are happy to give brief glimpses of progress from field to field and area to area where we have our work.

JAPAN

Miss Bernice Boyum writes as follows about the general condition of the Lutheran Church in Japan. "We rejoice that during the past year there are those who have learned the true meaning of Christ and have joined the Christian ranks to worship the newborn King! The numbers do not increase by leaps and bounds, but one by one some are entering the fold. Statistical reports show that in the Lutheran Church in Japan there are 129 ordained and unordained Japanese workers; 8,439 baptized Christians; 17,845 children in Sunday School and some over 4,000 children in church kindergartens and nurseries; 50 students in two Lutheran seminaries; 66 students attending three Bible Schools; and about 260 Lutheran missionaries throughout Japan."

Bringing in the more personal note of what the Light of the Gospel means to people when it is brought to

them we have the following greeting from Miss Lydia Hanson in Shizuoka, Japan.

"To our little Oshika congregation of believers we have had the joy of adding our second Christian family. Mr. and Mrs. Iwazaki, their three children and Mrs. Iwazaki's sister were recently baptized. The Lord gave them the added joy of all coming to a living faith in the Savior about the same time so they could come with one heart and devotion and receive God's grace in baptism. They are all radiant in their love for Christ and their testimony of life and word will influence many others.

"Another of the Oshika Christians who is just bubbling over with joy and witness for Christ is our seventy-four-year-old Mrs. Kemmochi from the Old People's Home. Because of her zeal there are two others from the Old People's Home who come regularly to services and Bible classes and are seeking Christ with great eagerness."

TANGANYIKA

Miss Elizabeth Arnesen writes from Tanganyika shortly before Christmas telling about some of the progress on the mission field there where we co-operate with other missions within the Lutheran World Federation.

"Last Sunday I had the pleasure and privilege of going down to the plains and seeing 37 adults and three children baptized. The small church was filled to overflowing and it was HOT, and yet the glow on the faces was worth any bit of discomfort we may have experienced. The previous week-end I had the joy of going to one of the dispensaries and witnessing the work among a tribe that is very, very primitive. Some of them have never heard of the story of Jesus and His love. This Sunday about 90 girls from our Lwandai Middle School came over in three busses to give their Christmas program! What a thrill it was to hear them sing and march in with their lighted candles! The light of the glory of Jesus Christ had also come into their hearts and as they looked unto Him they were radiant and their faces shall never be confounded! You would have loved every one of those precious girls—and to think that not too long ago they had no chance for getting an education."

SUDAN MISSION

From our Sudan Mission in the northern part of the French Camerouns, the Mission Congregation celebrated Christmas in a newly erected church building in the city of Poli. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Mathre report:

"The beauty of our Lord was upon us in a very

special way when our new chapel was dedicated. The service was beautiful. Four pastors, Andrew Okland, Lloyd Smith, Walter Trobisch, and Raymond Mathre and three natives, Maurice Rikam, Yohanna Adamore and Daniel Balerei, took part in Scripture reading and prayer. Pastor Lloyd Sand, our superintendent, was in charge of the service and gave the message.

"Mrs. Lloyd Sand played the organ which was given by the Student Wives Association at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul.

"The five catechists from the three outstations, and about fifteen from each place were with us. There were over two hundred so the chapel was filled and there were a few outside."

SOUTH AFRICA

From South Africa we have heard a great deal during the past year about the racial tension and the bitter hatred springing up in the hearts of suppressed natives against the whites. In the midst of increasing political suppression we find a growth in the church with a new consciousness developing among the youth reported in the following account:

"THOKOZANI, UJESU UYINKOSI" (Rejoice, the Lord is King) printed on a large banner over the gateway, were the words that greeted every Leaguer as they arrived at Hlabisa Mission Station for the Third Biennial Co-operative Youth Convention held July 22-25, 1954. Five Missions—the Church of Sweden Mission, the Berlin Mission, the Hermannsburg Mission, the

Norwegian Mission Society and the American Lutheran Mission were represented there. Although 300 may not sound like a very big number as compared with America, nevertheless to us, it represents a big increase as compared with 100 in 1950 to 200 in 1954.

"For the first time since the work began we had delegates from Swaziland. In speaking to them I was interested to learn that one of them had never seen a Zulu until he arrived at Hlabisa.

"Many more young people were given a share in this convention than in the previous two, and they did not fail us. After the sessions remarks like these were heard, 'My, those young people did well'—and it was true.

"One of the highlights of the convention was the Bible Study on Philippians conducted by Rev. Carl Otte, Superintendent of the American Lutheran Mission."

These young people meeting together for convention, were not only there for edification, but decided to visit pagan homes in the area to do personal evangelism. Miss Eide writes:

"For the visitation of homes the convention was divided into five groups. Again the young people led in the meditation and prayer. It was interesting to see them invite people who were passing by to stop and listen, to collect the children, etc. I believe this work left its mark on both the young people who participated as well as the homes visited. The sun was setting as we neared the Station after having visited about five homes each—a total of about 25 homes in one afternoon.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE ELC



Pictured above are the new members of The Board of Foreign Missions of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. From left to right around the table: the Rev. M. S. Knutson of Albert Lea, Minn.; the Rev. Warren L. Heggem of San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. Sanfrid E. Ruohoniemi of New York, N. Y.; Mr. Irwin M. Lerberg, assistant executive secretary of St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of the ELC; the Rev. T. H. Rossing of Nerstrand, Minn., chairman of The Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Rolf A. Syrdal, executive secretary of the board; the Rev. M. T. Jensen of Dallas, Texas; Mr. P. M. Onstad of Grand Forks, N. D.; the Rev. Howard M. Blegen of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mr. Orville L. Varland of Rockford, Ill., and the Rev. C. M. Hanson of Minneapolis, Minn.

"You Have a Date at the Golden Gate"

. . . and Church Musicians

WILL YOU BE THERE?

Will you be there? I want to know because I want you there! Infinitely more important, I believe that your Heavenly Father wants thousands of His youth there—maybe you!

Where is it you're wanted? As president of the International Young People's Lutheran League of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, I invite you to our International convention to be held in San Francisco, California from June 21-26, 1955.



Pastor Gravdal

Imagine with me those spiritually-eventful days coming for you next summer. Imagine yourself coming to America's most enchanting city on Tuesday morning after a long, but happy, trip from home. You're settled in your hotel room and some of you are already participating in the vocal contests and band rehearsals. Comes four o'clock and you begin to sense what the week will be like as you join thousands in the opening prayer services. Then, into the huge Civic Auditorium in the evening as we worship together, hear the message of our church president, Dr. Fredrik Schiotz, and witness the installation of our youth director, Carroll Hinderlie.

It's out of bed early every morning from now on! None of us will want to miss one single event crammed into the sixteen-hour days—Matins, choir rehearsals, Bible studies, practical League sessions, "Know Your Church" hours, business meetings, evening mass meetings, hymn sings, planned sightseeing, and Christian friendship. All too quickly the week will draw to a close as we reach the climax of Saturday evening and the Holy Communion.

To this you're invited!

You'll want to be there . . . and youth-concerned parents and churches will want to see you there! Not because of the vacation trip or the bigness of the gathering . . . but because you have been "won by Christ" and are "one with Christ" and want to "win with Christ"!

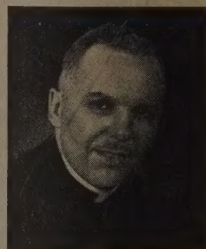
So, on to San Francisco—on as conquering, crusading Christians who will go to the ends of the earth for Christ!

MARCUS GRAVDAL, President
The International Young People's
Lutheran League

LET'S SING IN SAN FRANCISCO!

Music and song always accompany a victory march. When thousands of our Lutheran young people gather at San Francisco on June 21-26, they will sing, because they will be thinking, talking, praying, and living the theme, "Win With Christ!" The convention in San Francisco will be a great movement, not just a meeting and every movement has its songs, its songs of victory. There will be singing on the trains, buses, and planes, and in the cars as they travel to the convention, and there will be lots of singing in the city. The great square, on which the auditorium is located, will ring with song on many occasions, both day and evening. Thousands of young people, augmented by church choir members from all the churches, directed by Mr. Oscar R. Overby, will join in a festive concert at the close of the convention on Sunday afternoon.

Joining with the thousands of young people at San Francisco will be the singers from over two thousand church choirs, all members of the Choral Union of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Choral Union will hold its convention and sponsor various activities, such as a vocal solo contest, a choral composition contest, and other activities, simultaneously with the Luther League convention. Jointly with the League, the



Pastor Egge

Choral Union will also sponsor a convention band.

Therefore, as president of the International Choral Union, I invite all singers and musicians of The Evangelical Lutheran Church to come to San Francisco from June 21-26, 1955 for the biennial convention of the Choral Union. Each choir in the ELC is asked to elect two delegates to represent it at the business meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 25.

The Lutheran Church is a singing church. Let us demonstrate again, this time to one of the large cities of the West, that this is still true.

May the Lord richly bless the plans and preparations for the conventions, to His glory.

MANDUS A. EGGE, President, the Choral Union

Boys' Work in the E.L.C.

Loren M. Ness
National Director



ST. PAUL, MINN.

The Pro Deo award was presented to Explorer Scout David Olson at St. Timothy Church in St. Paul. Participating are, from left to right, Scoutmaster Lloyd Moulds, David, Pastor Vernon E. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Olson.



MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

At Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, S. Dak., the Pro Deo et Patria award was presented to three scouts. Pictured above are: back row, left to right, Charles Spawn, scoutmaster; Pastor Ernest N. Nelson; Dr. Julian Jensen, chairman of the troop committee; middle row, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Michaelson; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Buehler, and Mr. and Mrs. John Liddiard; front row, left to right, Star Scout Walter Michaelson, Jr.; Star Scout Richard Buehler, and First Class Scout Keith Liddiard.



JOICE, IOWA

Explorer Scout Arlyn Harang, was presented the Pro Deo et Patria award at Bethany Lutheran. Pictured with him are Pastor L. L. Maulding and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bruns vold with whom he has made his home.



CLEAR LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Pictured handing the Pro Deo et Patria award certificate to Explorer Scout Selmer Hatlestad is the Rev. A. G. Mathisen of St. Paul's Lutheran. On the left is Scoutmaster Robert Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hatlestad also participated.



CHRIST CALLS US TO THESE

CASUALTIES AT THE CROSSROADS Herbert A. Hanson

The "living tissue" of our synod is in the open-country, town and village. Here is our strength. From such roots God has fashioned us. The sons of the soil have become the source of Gospel truth. Here, too, is the cradle from which the city church gets its inner strength. "Rural congregations furnish city churches with 55% of their membership, 76% of their pastors, 64% of their officers and 62% of their Sunday school teachers." Cities left to themselves die. They live on the streams that flow from the crossroads. We are answerable to God for the quality of the stream that flows into our troubled cities.

Not all the pagans in America live in our cities. They're at the crossroads, too. "Two-thirds of the rural population of the United States—40 million people—do not belong to any church or denomination. Thirteen million children and young people of school age in rural areas receive no religious instruction." In the last 25 years, 20,000 rural churches have closed. Some of this was good strategy. Many were "casualties at the crossroads."

The prince of this world, too, has "rural life conferences." The statistics of those recaptured for his Kingdom must bring revelry to his conference table. The field reports coming to his control towers show that the ELC has 131 pastors serving four or more congregations. The prince wonders how long "the children of light" will continue this kind of spiritual erosion.

To be sure there are real problems in some parishes, but in many it is a failure at the purse. We're trying to change America with our small change. How many families does it take to carry a full-time ministry? In the Rocky Mountain District 34 congregations out of 77 have a confirmed membership of less than 175.

For such a day as this our blessed Lord has called 400 men to our seminary. His heart cries out afresh, "Tend my sheep." For in the multiple parish too many are confirmed but not kept; the old remembered but not revived; the new families welcomed but not cultivated; the absent not wooed; the seeker not sought out, the Word sown sparingly. The harvest—casualties at the crossroads.

PARISH WORKERS

Mrs. T. Arnold Thompson

Over and over again the Home Mission pastor has said, "What would we do without a parish worker?" An attempt is made to place a parish worker for the first three months into every Home Mission project. Her task is to stop at every home in the area designated as the community for the new church. Her aim is to find families, church and unchurched, who might be made interested in the new congregation. She often becomes the first Christian to call at some home and show interest in their spiritual welfare. To her belongs the thrilling experience of greeting many of these new-found friends at the church services.

Often to the parish worker falls the task of organizing the Sunday school and maybe even the youth work. Three months is a short period, but repeating their task many times a year makes real experts of these wonderful workers. That it's a difficult task, no one will deny. A parish worker's shoes are the shoemaker's bread and butter. Yet there is the glamor of a new community every three months and often of a new section of the country.

Many a pastor will tell you, "My parish worker? She's literally my right hand!" Many more "right hands" are needed. Will you help? For further information write the Home Mission Department, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.



For the Son of

"WHAT HOME MISSION

In answer to the question: "What this new congregation meant to us Mrs. Orvin Feiring of Salinas, California, gave an answer which speaks for thousands. Her statement follows:

"Many of our members came to the community from the Middle West where they were brought up in the Lutheran faith. Others came from areas where Lutheran churches are the minority, yet our church fulfilled their needs where others failed.

"Until the organization of Good Shepherd congregation, there was no church in the community which offered

These pages were prepared by Mrs. [Name] of the [Name]

THE MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES



THE AMERICAN INDIAN IN THE CITY

Evelyn Nappe

God is calling the Lutheran Church to answer a very special cry for help today. Encouragement by the Indian Bureau as well as a search for better opportunity has caused a movement of the Indian to metropolitan areas. Approximately 5,000 Indians have come to Minneapolis and 2,000 to St. Paul from reservations and other places in Minnesota and neighboring states. For the most part they have come unprepared to fit into the hustle and bustle of city life.

The call comes in many ways and can only be heard and understood by the compassionate heart. It may be the cry of disappointment which comes from difficulty in adjusting to our way of life or the cry of nakedness, hunger and lack of a home. It may be the sigh of a father who walks the streets in search of a job which he neither knows how to secure or to hold. It may be an inaudible yearning for friendship, for love and for a sense of belonging.

Have you sensed the call for help from those who were first on American soil? Are you in any measure responsible for the plight in which these and other minority peoples find themselves? Can you continue to be indifferent to their lack of the basic necessities of life and their need for Christ and His love? Will these people lose all hope because you refuse to be a channel through which God's great love can flow?

Work in the Twin Cities was started early last spring through the Home Mission Department of The Evangelical Lutheran Church together with four Minneapolis churches—Central Lutheran, Our Saviour's, St. Paul's, and Bethany.

Through home visitation and other activities, the aim is to draw the Indian into the fellowship of the congregation in his area. The primary aim is to win him for Christ through the preaching and teaching of the Word. It is the Word which carries the power to transform lives, but only as we meet the minority peoples where they are and minister to their needs will they experience that Christian love in action which breaks down barriers and causes hearts to be receptive to the Gospel.

Economic and social conditions make work among the American Indians slow and difficult. Housing constitutes

one of the gravest problems. Prejudice and cultural limitations have forced him to live in slum areas and yet pay some of the highest rents. He has been made independent and now suddenly finds himself faced with problems for which reservation life gave little preparation. Contrary to the common belief these Indians are NOT cared for by the government. Unless Christians respond, where will these neglected minorities turn?

Wouldn't you like to peek into a typical home of an Indian in Minneapolis? As you climb the stairs in a crowded run-down apartment building, you sense the unwholesome atmosphere. On the third floor a rap at the door brings an answer from a very pleasant, gracious Indian mother.

She may lack knowledge of many things we take for granted, but she loves her children and has a wonderful relationship with them. Four happy, eager, bright-eyed children greet you. What potential! Daddy works fairly steady and does his best to provide. There's a mad dash to greet him each evening and be the first to get a hug. Wouldn't you like to be a channel through which this family could experience that richer, fuller life which comes from knowing Christ as a personal Savior?

The doors are open now. The American Indian is calling to us now. He is not just a soul in need of salvation, but a total personality needing the love of Christ in order to realize a rich life. The ground at the foot of the Cross is level for all regardless of race or background. God's love is for "all the world." (John 3:16.)



and to save the lost
(Luke 19:10)

MEANT"

T. Arnold Thompson

the type of religious worship which some were seeking and to which others had grown accustomed.

"We all feel we have gained much as members of a Home Mission congregation. We have had the satisfaction of seeing our church develop and grow. We have known the fresh enthusiasm of those new to Lutheranism.

"We have grown from the inactivity of a Sunday-go-to-meeting type of religion, to an every-day, living, working Christianity.

"To many our church has meant the difference between—

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son, general Home Missions secretary
Federation.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Heston

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Epistle: II Timothy 1:7-10

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-

Monday, January 24 DO YOU KNOW?

Read Romans 7:7-16

Yet, if it had not been for the law, I should not have known sin. I should not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

No one knows sin like a Christian. That is not to say that a follower of Christ spends a lot of time wallowing in evil, and always has a bad past to tell about. But it does mean that a sincere believer knows the truth about sin and never looks at it as though it were a lie, or something you can pass off easily.

He comes by this special knowledge because he knows of the law. This law, or demand that God makes on him, shows what a complete failure he is in measuring up to the holiness of God. The "straight walk" that he wants to make is still very, very crooked. The godless person wants to think that straight is straight, but the Christian knows that the best that any human can do is still wanting. "I know that nothing good dwells within me."

Show me my need, O God, and bring me to the feet of my Savior for help. Amen.

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Thursday, January 27 CONFESSION

Read I John 1:5-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

So much of the trouble people have is traced right down to unconfessed sin. If little children have done something wrong, they cannot be happy again unless they tell their mother or father. The aged, with a lifetime behind them, and eternity before them, often wait with worry because there is a sin on their heart, and it is unconfessed.

Almost everyone knows the sweetness of unloading the weight of sin. It can be done only by confession. Owning up to it, is another way of putting it. When we own up to our sins before God, He is ready to forgive, and to cleanse. When God forgives He strikes it out. He erases it from the record.

Everyone ought to know the joy of confession. If a worldly man feels better by admitting his wrong to a brother, how happy we can be to admit our wrongs to God, and have His forgiveness and love.

Tuesday, January 25 WHO'S WORD?

Read John 4:31-42

"We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Those people of that Samaritan city turned out to be believers because of the spoken word. First, many of them became believers "because of her testimony." It is important that people who have had the experience of learning to know Christ should say so. This led them to come to Christ Himself. Faithfully He continued what was started, "and many more believed because of his word." The final step was taken when they listened to their own hearts. Then they could say, "We know."

We should be busy getting the Word out wherever we are. People are waiting for it, and God depends on us to do so. It is true that the Word of God is being presented in more ways and to more people than ever before in the history of the world. But it is still true that what you and I can say, on the basis of our own experience, is the most important witness God has on earth. Your word is mighty important!

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Friday, January 28 THE LIGHT

Read John 8:12-16

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

There are many, many things to be said about Jesus, but the most important is that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In one of the several sayings about Himself, He called Himself the Light. When He is used as the light, men see the way, have the truth, and enjoy real life. Aside from this Light there is nothing but darkness where men stumble and fall.

Since there is darkness everywhere, we should rejoice that God has given us a light by which to see. Placed in the heart it drives out the darkness of sin. Set in the mind it brings understanding. Kindled in the will it fills us with the warmth of loving service to God and our fellow men.

How terrible it would be to attempt to live without this Light! It would be like feeling your way down a strange corridor, fearful lest the next step would bring awful harm. But, we have the Light! We can see. Good things like the love of God.

Wednesday, January 26 IN PRAISE

Read Psalm 93

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice. . . .

It is easy to go along not thinking in thoughts about God. J. B. Phillips wrote a little book called "Your God Is Too Small." In it he tells how we limit God by our little thoughts. In this Psalm some of the greatness and grandeur of God is portrayed. The floods have a voice that speaks praise to God. This is not a destructive flood, but a sweeping display of the majesty and the strength of Almighty God.

Recently, a pictured article set forth a summary of what man knows about the universe; the stars, the planets, comets and the vast spaces. At the beginning and at the end Scripture was quoted. This was right because the whole study was a tribute to the Creator. Many questions were left unanswered because man is frankly unable to understand the greatness of God's work.

We should be quick to see the works of God in His creation, and let them inspire us to confidence and praise. The Lord is a mighty God!

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Saturday, January 29 COMFORT

Read Isaiah 51:1-12

"I, I am he that comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies of the son of man who is made of grass?"

God knows the needs of His people and that not the least of these needs is comfort. Knowing this He has always been quick to offer it. Some of the most beautiful passages of the Bible have the word comfort in them, and the word is only a symbol of a deeper quality of God that has great meaning to man.

In His life on earth, Jesus brought comfort to many. When He helped the sick and the unfortunate, the down-trodden and the sinsick, He brought comfort. He was tender and compassionate. He was loving. Never, when there was sincerity, did He "rub salt into the wound."

For us the treatment is the same. God is the great Comforter of humanity today. Only from Him may we have the help, the understanding, the assurance and the healing that we need.

Lead us to seek our comfort with Thee, O God. Amen.

CONSTRUCTION OF MEN'S DORMITORY BEGINS AT LUTHER COLLEGE

Contracts have been let and construction has begun on a dormitory for men at Luther College. The Board of Trustees of Luther in a special meeting on December 17 let contracts for a new \$600,000 men's dormitory.

The following firms submitted the accepted bids: Johnson Construction Company, Winona, Minn., general contractor for the sum of \$398,144; Ek's Heating-Plumbing, Decorah, Iowa, mechanical contract, \$68,682.50; Grey Electric Company, Ventura, Iowa, electrical wiring, \$26,660.50.

A new government loan of \$535,000 will finance the major cost of the new structure. President Ylvisaker stated that "this approval by the government of an increased loan makes possible immediate construction and early completion of the men's dormitory." The contracts promise the completion of the west wing by September, 1955, and the entire building by January, 1956. There is a strong possibility that the building will be ready for occupancy next fall.

Designed by Charles Altfillisch and Associates of Decorah, the dormitory will house 233 men students. It will have built-in bedsteads, dressers, desks and storage space which are included in the general contract bid. The remainder of the furnishings, necessary landscaping and walks will be financed from sources other than the government loan.

The dormitory will be known as the Oscar L. Olson Hall. It will honor President emeritus who has served the college for more than fifty years as teacher, and as president for twelve years, 1921-1932.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE LETS CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY

Johnson Construction Company of Fargo was awarded the general con-

tract for the Carl B. Ylvisaker Memorial Library to be constructed at Concordia College in 1955, it was announced by President Joseph L. Knutson. The bid was \$219,202. Ten bids were opened by the college building committee December 21, and, according to Architect Sovik of E. A. Sovik and Associates, Northfield, seven of the ten bids fell within a range of two and one-half per cent.

The plumbing and heating contract was awarded to Whitcomb and Foss, Fargo, at \$31,900; ventilation to Valley Service Co., Moorhead, at \$13,790; electrical work to Central Electric Co., Fargo, at \$25,500; book stack construction to W. R. Ames Co., San Francisco, at \$21,325; and dumbwaiter to Johnson Elevator Co., Duluth, at \$4,306. Total of the bids accepted was \$316,023.

The capacity of the new library is 125,000 books. At present the book collection numbers about 45,000 volumes. The reading areas will have seating for 416 and the maximum seating capacity including seminar rooms is 530. There will be three levels of book stacks and 48 cubicles for study, offices, work room and staff room. Dimensions of the new library are 182 feet by 140 feet.

Bids accepted call for a brick and stone exterior, with the brick harmonizing with the present stone in use on the campus. The interior is largely exposed brick with oak paneling and some plaster and exposed block. Ceilings are of acoustical plaster, and floors of terrazzo and vinylite. Windows are of steel construction with insulating glass throughout. The vertical panels between windows are porcelain enamel steel spandrel panels.

Members of the building committee of the Board of Directors are Mr. Luther Jacobson, Fargo; Mr. Arthur P. Diercks and Dr. A. E. Hanson, Moorhead; and Professor Cyrus N. Running

of the college faculty. Advisory members are Mr. William A. Smaby, controller; Mr. Arthur Sanden, superintendent of buildings and grounds; and President Joseph L. Knutson.

The Board of Directors had previously decided to name the building to honor the late Carl B. Ylvisaker, professor of religion at the college from 1927 until his death in 1946.

ST. OLAF AWARDED GRANTS BY DU PONT AND STANDARD

St. Olaf College has been named the recipient of two large grants by the Du Pont Company and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, according to Dr. Clemens M. Granskou, college president.

The Standard Oil grant of \$2,000 was given without restrictions except that it shall go to operating funds for the purpose of undergraduate education. The grant was one of 138 totaling \$500,000 given by the oil company to privately endowed colleges and universities throughout the country.

The Du Pont Company's gift of \$2,500, also one of several given throughout the nation, is to assist the chemistry department in achieving the most effective performance in the teaching of chemistry and in stimulating the interest of students in that science. The grant is intended to enable the chemistry department to satisfy important needs and engage in worthwhile activities that would not otherwise be possible.

This is the third consecutive year that St. Olaf has been named among the recipients of the Du Pont grant. The two previous grants have been used in part to purchase books and apparatus for the Glasoe Chemistry Library and the Ellingson Research Laboratory and to meet travel expenses of a tour by chemistry students through chemical industrial plants in Wisconsin and Chicago.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. C

DISPUTE OVER CLASSES ON RELIGION

Superintendent H. L. Shibler of the Indianapolis (Ind.) public schools recently found himself in deep water over religious heritage classes. An attempt to stop such classes was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote, but the Board of Education decided to limit the superintendent's power to prepare courses of study in this field without the Board's approval.

Dr. Shibler recently announced that the program had been worked out by a committee of Protestants, Roman Catholics, Christian Scientists, and Jews, and that it was hoped to put it into all seventh, eighth and ninth grades next year. The program has been used in 11 schools this year on an experimental basis. The courses deal with historical background materials and principles, but seek to avoid doctrinal teachings.

A board member, Leo M. Gardner, told of complaints received from religious groups who objected to the

courses on the ground that it was practically impossible to teach them. "It's a calculated risk that some teacher will teach a specific religious doctrine," he said, and warned of possible lawsuits from objecting parents.

One Roman Catholic leader, commenting on the study plans, said: "I am in favor of the plan once it is more fully developed. It isn't a matter of teaching religion in the schools. It is teaching about religion in the schools. That is already being done. You can't help it. Religion must be studied when you study history, literature, art, or music. A carefully prepared program is a good thing. I am for all the religion you can talk about in public schools."

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Evangelists and stewardship representatives of the Churches must win people "not only to Christ, but to the total Christian community," Dr. Charles Templeton, former full-time evangelist for the National Council of

Churches, told stewardship leaders attending a meeting of the Council's Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. "A man cannot be a Christian simply by giving to the Church by learning a religious creed; he must put his life in God's hands," Templeton said. "If the evangelist seeks simply to fill churches and convert masses of people and the steward seeks only to build a bigger and better Church, both have misconstrued their callings."

"It is not the goal of evangelists to produce Bible-thumping, arm-flailing preachers whose only job is trying to win converts. Nor is it the goal of the stewardship emphasis merely to collect money and materials for the Church. Both must be concerned with winning the total personality of the individual to the Lordship of Christ."

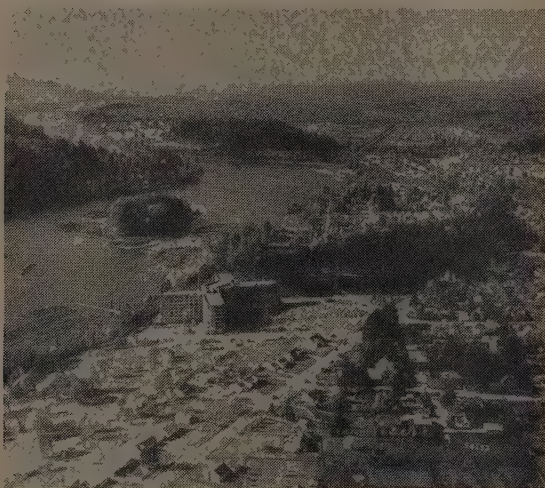
ADJUST TO MOBILITY

Lutheran Churches must re-emphasize the concepts of Christian stewardship, improve membership transfer methods, and re-examine the problem of loyalty to individual congregations in order to meet the challenge of increasing population mobility. This was the conclusion of a two-day Lutheran Mobility Conference held in Detroit in December, sponsored by the National Lutheran Council.

The Churches must also recognize that a rapidly shifting population in all communities provides opportunities to spread the Gospel, the conference agreed.

Experts, including Dr. Charles Brinkman, associated with the U. S. Census Bureau, told the conference that only nine per cent of all Americans spend their lives in the same residence, and described the general impact on communities created by the rapid decline of rural population, as well as by the increasing rush of people from cities to new suburban development areas. It was agreed that church members move about as much as the average Americans. Special concern was voiced over evidence that

\$2,500,000 METHODIST HOME



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This \$2,500,000 home for retired people, known as Willamette View Manor, was recently dedicated at Milwaukie, Oregon, by the Methodist Church. The dedication address was given by the executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, Dr. Karl P. Meister. Situated on a site overlooking the Willamette River and all of Portland, the structure is eight stories high and can accommodate 310 persons in its 240 apartments. The home includes a complete modern kitchen, an auditorium, barber shop, beauty salon, dining room and a lounge on each floor. Every room has a loud speaker for recorded music or important announcements.

MAKING NEW "LIFE OF CHRIST"



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is The Last Supper scene from the new film, "Day of Triumph," which is the first full-movie on the life of Christ made by Hollywood since the introduction of sound. It is actor Robert Wilson, in the role of Christ, speaking to the disciples gathered around the table.

Most half the Lutheran church membership losses seem to be due to mobilization and insufficient methods of transferring the moving members to new congregations.

Mr. F. Eppling Reinartz of the SCA noted that Lutheran loyalty to individual congregation may be a barrier to rapid transfer of membership when people move, and stated the Lutherans' "tightly knit, organizational life can be our glory, can also be our doom."

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ISSUE DECLARATION ON VIETNAM VIOLATIONS

Documented charges that Viet Minh Communists have prevented Catholics from leaving northern Vietnam by force, intimidation, and economic pressure, have been released by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, an agency of the American Catholic hierarchy. In the Indochina armistice and the Geneva Declaration, the Communists agreed to "refrain from any reprisals or discriminations" and to permit any persons wishing to leave their country to do so and to help them get

The publication of the "white paper" followed the annual meeting of the Catholic leaders at which the bishops denounced violations of the Geneva agreement by the Viet Minh Communists as an "international disgrace."

They charged that "trickery, pressure, and the most brutal violence" was being used to keep the people from exercising their right to decide whether they want to live in the Communist or non-Communist zone.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS PLAN MINISTRY TO AGED

A Southern Baptist leadership conference in Nashville, Tennessee, has requested the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention "to undertake a serious research of the problems of the aged, including a presentation of facts, a summary of what is being done by society generally and by Baptists in particular, and the proposal of a comprehensive Southern Baptist program."

The leadership conference, in its findings, made these observations about the problem:

- (1) The challenge basically is related to family life, and the answer to it is to be found primarily in a new solidarity in family living.
- (2) Institutional care as a social policy is to be thought of as an expediency when family life is unequal to the need.
- (3) Society needs to address itself seriously to a study of the problems in retirement including preparation for retirement and continuous usefulness after retirement.
- (4) Churches may well consider a re-

adjustment of program and of architecture to serve the aging, just as they have done so well for the infancy and early years.

WORTHY OF NOTE...

The Norwegian Mission Society in Zululand and Natal, South Africa, has decided to relinquish its primary schools to the government, as a result of the government's Bantu Education Act. . . . Discrimination costs American business and industry thirty billion dollars a year and is "a woeful extravagance" that can be eliminated, according to two pamphlets issued by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. . . . Adoption by all states of constitutional amendments providing mandatory and uniform regulations governing tax exemption for real property of religious institutions is advocated in a study published by the St. John's Law Review.

THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE A "BLESSING"



RNS Photo

Two tugboats built especially for Ethiopia in The Netherlands were blessed at Asmara, Eritrea by a Coptic priest, Abba Araja of Massaua. This marked the first time that any Ethiopian vessel had been launched with a religious ceremony. Although other boats have flown the Ethiopian flag, the tugs were the first sea units ever built for that country. They will be used in the port of Massaua in Eritrea. This port and that at Assab have given Ethiopia access to the Red Sea, since the former Italian colony of Eritrea was federated with it in 1952.

Correspondence



CONCERNING THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

►It distressed me to read in the LUTHERAN HERALD of December 7 that the next assembly of the Lutheran World Federation is to be "limited in size and program, with only a few public sessions."

I feel that we are falling down in this particular phase of our responsibility—informing the public about our Church. Perhaps in Minneapolis or even throughout the Middle West we are understood for what we are. But here on the Pacific Coast, where one waits sometimes for weeks to read an item concerning the Lutheran Church even in the big city papers, we are considered as just another sect and treated accordingly. Here we are one, in the public eye, with churches such as Jehovah's Witnesses and the Seventh Day Adventists. I am sure that this situation is true of other sections of our country as well.

I recently picked up a history book on sale in a downtown department store, and read a statement something like, "The reformed churches are so called because they turned back to a position nearer to the Catholic Church than was the extreme position of Martin Luther."

I close by pleading that we take advantage of the wonderful opportunity before us to lay before the people of America our credentials in a striking and forceful manner (be it a spectacle or not), leaving no doubt as to our position among the churches of the world.

W. RASMUSSEN
Everett, Washington

LET US PRAY MUCH MORE!

►Over 250 college students gather for prayer fellowship at 6:30 p.m. on a Saturday evening! About 500 college students kneel at the Communion Table at 4 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon. Approximately the same number of faculty and students gather for voluntary sessions in the Field House each evening as assemble for regular chapel services each morning around the conference theme, "My Life Is in My Bible!" Busy college students meet in special prayer groups in dormitories at 6:30 a.m. each morning! Many seek personal interviews with guest speakers in sincere desire to go deeper with Christ in their personal lives and to do more to win others for Him!

Such dramatic headlines relate only part of the account of God's work in the hearts of students as Pastor Conrad M. Thompson, Pastor Agnar S. Tanner, and myself were privileged to see it again during Spiritual Emphasis Week at Concordia College in Moorhead, November 17-20. Surely our hearts are thrilled to see God at work in the hearts of our young people at our colleges. Let us thank God daily for consecrated servants through whom He is working day by day on each campus.

Pastors, Christian-parents and friends, let us *pray much more each day* for our colleges, boards of trustees, administration, faculty and students—that God by His Holy Spirit may draw every registered student on each campus into a

personal saving relationship with Christ and into a life devoted service to our Savior and His Church.

To pray is to become involved. If we as individuals *prayed much more* for our colleges, we would gladly *much more* for our colleges!

OSCAR C. HANSON

A NEED FOR EVANGELISM NEWS IN THE "LUTHERAN HERALD"

►On the correspondence page of the December 14 issue of the LUTHERAN HERALD an article was printed concerning evangelism, which was written by the Rev. P. L. Mork.

It was very encouraging to read this letter and pray to God for the power of His word to convict the hearts of men.

I realize that the LUTHERAN HERALD is our Church paper, and it seems to me that reports on evangelism, such as this one are worthy of being in the Church news. We put it way in the back of the paper? Let's put news in that at the front of the paper, so that our Lutheran people will know that this is something that could and should happen in every Lutheran Church, and other churches well. God help us that we might put first things first.

Let us search ourselves that we will not be a stumbling block for anyone, laymen and leaders alike.

DON AARSVOLD
Kasson, Minnesota

THE QUESTION OF SMOKING

►On the television program, "American Religious Thought Hall Meeting" recently, one question for discussion was "Can a Christian use liquor and tobacco?"

The Lutheran pastor's answer was that his church leaves it up to the individual to decide. That seems to me a easy way to dodge the issue.

I wish the question had been divided into two questions because many people feel that it is all right to smoke, but not to drink. I also wish the question about tobacco had been, "Can a person smoke in the presence of others without disregarding the rights of those who don't?" "Have smokers the right to pollute the air that others must breathe?"

Many parents have the joy of seeing their children finish high school without having begun to smoke in spite of the fact that many of our public school teachers use tobacco. Then they send them to college or the children are drafted into the armed forces, and even in our church colleges they soon discover that many of the men instructors use tobacco and that the men students are not forbidden to do so. (The women students are expelled if they are caught in the act.) The question soon arises in the minds of the students, "Are our parents too strict or old-fashioned? They want to be one of the crowd."

In the armed forces cigarettes are given to the servicemen together with their rations by the Red Cross and the chaplains. With few exceptions the young man who so gallantly went forth to fight for freedom and the rights of the individual returns home a slave to nicotine and with no respect for the individual who does not smoke.

Once the habit is formed they seem incapable of seeing the rights of others in this respect, and they seldom have the will power to quit.

Isn't it time our Lutheran Church took a stand?

NAME WITHHELD

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

Bruce W. Holter, a 1954 graduate of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, was ordained Dec. 12 at Colorado Springs, Colo., on a call to the pastorate of Our Saviour's Church in the city. Ordinator was Dr. L. A. Pierb, president of the South Dakota district.

The Rev. Maurice S. Molvik is the new pastor of the Karlstad parish in the Northern Minnesota District. Formerly a pastor of the Lutheran Church, he was on Dec. 8 admitted to The Evangelical Lutheran church.

Dr. A. F. Borge, a new medical missionary called to the Madagascar field, is at present studying in France. His address there is: 55 Rue Monge, Paris 5e, France.

Mrs. Ida Larsen-Tuve, widow of A. G. Tuve, who was president of Augustana College, Canton, S. Dak., 190-1916, died Nov. 20, 1954.

Mrs. Ida Johnson Lewis, widow of Rev. Joseph Lewis, who died in 1951, passed away Nov. 19, 1954.

Mrs. Gladys Wedwick Groth, wife of the Rev. Glenn O. Groth, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Muskegon Heights, Mich., died Dec. 30. Obituary later.

The Rev. A. H. Amundson, formerly of Opheim, Montana, is now field rector of the Immanuel Lutheran home for the Aged, Kalispell, Mont.

STRICTS

Chicago, Ill. Miss Margaret Ann

aug from Fairdale, N. Dak., a graduate of the Minneapolis Lutheran Bible Institute, was installed as parish worker in Park View Church on Dec. 1. At the reception held in her honor the ELC Films' sound-color strip, "Parish Worker Profile," was shown.

Orfordville, Wis. Recently the Rev. O. Egertson, ELC evangelist, conducted services in the Luther Valley parish and also held a service in the Orfordville Church, where he earlier, in 1954, had conducted services for twelve consecutive days. The meetings were very well attended in both parishes.

South Wayne, Wis. West Wiota church received 22 new members (fourteen of these children) on Dec. 2 after the completion of a PTR mission, conducted by the Rev. E. C. As-

trup of Levittown, N. Y. West Wiota Church is a part of the Wiota parish, which during a vacancy has been served temporarily by the Rev. Justin Flak of South Wayne. The new pastor of the Wiota parish will be the Rev. W. R. Wold.

Mondovi, Wis. The Mondovi Clinic Hospital, which during the past year was leased for infirmary purposes by the Eau Claire Lutheran Home for the Aged Corporation, has now been bought by said corporation.

Northern Minnesota

Shelvin, Minn. The Brotherhood of the Bemidji Circuit, meeting here Dec. 12, decided to assist in the organizing of local Brotherhoods in the various circuit parishes. The circuit group will henceforth meet twice a year. Dr. C. C. Swain and the Rev. C. W. Hanson were speakers at the convention. Dr. Douglas S. Lang of Park Rapids was elected president for the coming year.

Southern Minnesota

Little Falls, Minn. First English Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. E. G. Stolen, dedicated Dec. 12 a Baldwin electric organ, a 30-inch brass altar cross and matching vases, and brass candlesticks. The rite of dedication was administered by the Rev. Kermit Graves of Brainerd. The dedication

concert was played by Theodore Bergman of the MacPhail School of Music. The organ and the altar cross were dedicated to the memory of the late Charles F. Johnson, who bequeathed one-tenth of his estate to the congregation. The candlesticks were given in memory of the late Edwin R. Johnson by his family.

South Central

Fort Dodge, Iowa. St. Olaf Church, parish of the Rev. E. S. Ede, received ninety-two new members, eight of these by adult baptism and nine by adult confirmation on Dec. 12. Among the new members were former residents of communities as far apart as Maine and Wyoming, Texas and Minnesota.

Humboldt, Iowa. The WMF of First Lutheran Church completed the modernizing of the parsonage kitchen just before Christmas. On Christmas Eve the congregation gave its pastor, the Rev. Oscar Rem, and his wife a new television set.

North Dakota

Lankin, N. Dak. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. M. E. Arneson, received eight new members by adult confirmation on Dec. 19. Organized in 1952 in a predominantly Roman Catholic community, Trinity Church now has 102 members.

Almont, N. Dak. Sims Church, which may be the oldest ELC church

NORTH DAKOTA VILLAGE CHURCH DEDICATED



Drayton Church, Drayton, N. Dak., parish of the Rev. Wm. A. Ostroot, was dedicated Nov. 14, 1954, by Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District. The dedication service climaxed an extensive remodeling process which began in 1948 and has progressed by stages since. The cost of the remodeling totals about \$20,000. The WMF of the congregation has contributed \$3,500 to this amount and has also paid for a new electric organ installed in the church.

west of the Missouri River, celebrated its seventieth anniversary last fall. Three of its former pastors were guest speakers: C. J. Fylling, C. Breto, and O. G. Nelson. The present pastor of the parish is the Rev. Norbert Jolivette.

Minot, N. Dak. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. H. B. Kildahl, Jr., received 103 new members on Dec. 19. On the same day 28 adults were confirmed.

South Dakota

Hudson, S. Dak. A series of Advent services were held from Dec. 5-8 in the Moe parish by Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, ELC evangelist, who preached on the theme, "Christ Is Coming Again." During afternoons he met with various groups in the parish. The Rev. Erling H. Fretheim is the pastor of the Moe parish.

Pacific

Richland, Wash. Richland Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. C. Kenneth Peisker, purchased a building site for its future church on Dec. 16, becoming the third church in this "atomic" city to own its own land.

Burlington, Wash. Burlington Church, parish of the Rev. E. Silas Torvend, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Nov. 27-28. Guest speakers were Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District; two former pastors of the parish, Frank L. Ericksen and L. Rasmussen; and the Rev. Arthur Knutzen, a son

RURAL NORTH DAKOTA CONGREGATION GETS NEW CHURCH



The above picture is an interior view of the new St. Olaf Church at Alexander, N. Dak., which some time ago was dedicated by Dr. Loyal Tallakson, president of the North Dakota District. Because of much donated labor the cost of erecting the building was kept at about \$15,000. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Harold F. Hofstad.

of the congregation. During this fiftieth year of the congregation's history it became a one-unit parish, engaged a full-time parish worker and voted to become a co-sponsor of the newly established Shepherd of the Hills Church at Concrete, Wash.

California

Eureka, Calif. About a week before Christmas this community was rather severely rocked by an earthquake. No

members of Calvary Church, parish of the Rev. Otis Lee, were injured, several homes were wrecked, according to a notice in "The Western Lutheran" issue of Dec. 27.

Canada

Vancouver, B. C. From First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. A. B. Hagen, comes a report of a spiritual awakening within the congregation.

Edmonton, Alta. The new Zion congregation, parish of the Rev. C. Lund, held its first service on Dec. 12.

Calgary, Alta. On Dec. 5 the first service was held by the new Faith congregation, parish of the Rev. Raymond O. Olson.

Fairy Glen, Sask. In the last junior confirmation class of Carrot River congregation were triplets: Joyce, Jean, and Jean Person. The class, made up of twelve members, was instructed by Rev. S. T. Jacobson, who served as interim pastor of the parish.

Saskatoon, Sask. A pastoral conference for the Canada District was held here Jan. 4-7. The following speakers took part: The Rev. O. P. Stavitsky, Bible study; Dr. T. F. Gullixson, practical study; Prof. T. P. Solem, doctrinal study; Doctors J. C. K. Preus and P. S. Dybvig, churchmanship; the Rev. L. T. Nilson, seminar on religious radio.

Kyle, Sask. The Swift Current Circuit held its annual meeting here Nov. 12-14. Guest speaker was Prof. T. P. Solem of Saskatoon. In the afternoon

CONFIRMANDS OF 1904 MEET IN REUNION



Thirteen of the twenty-seven young people confirmed in 1904 by the late Rev. S. S. Wold in Sheyenne Church near Pekin, N. Dak., met some weeks ago in reunion. They presented a Service Book to the church, and the congregation served a dinner in their honor. Twenty-two members of the class of fifty years ago are still living.

the closing day the local church dedicated a number of memorial gifts donated by members.

Hinchcliffe, Sask. The Yorkton Circuit YPLL met Nov. 11-14 at North Prairie Church, parish of the Rev. A. A. Steiestol. During the convention the cornerstone of the congregation's new church was laid, and the basement of the church was dedicated, by District President Dale.

BITUARIES

Mrs. Bennie Olson

Mrs. Bennie (Hannah) Olson, an active member of First Lutheran Church, Hayward, Minn., died Dec. 2 at 77 years of age. Funeral services were held Dec. 24 with the Rev. G. E. Persson officiating. She came in 1906 from her native Norway and married Mr. Olson the following year. She is survived by one son and four grandchildren.

The Rev. H. N. Bakke

The Rev. Halvor N. Bakke, pastor of McCallsburg, Iowa, 1928-53, died Dec. 30 in Story City, Iowa, where he and his wife had recently moved into their new home. Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at McCallsburg. Born Sept. 1885, at Sund, Hordaland, Norway, he came to U. S. A. in 1901. In 1908 he was graduated from the collegiate department and in 1911 from the theological department of Red Wing Seminary. He served the following parishes: Cando, N. Dak., 1911-13;

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Webster, South Dakota	January 30
Aberdeen, South Dakota	January 30
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Casper, Wyoming	February 3
Scottsbluff, Nebraska	February 4
Limon, Colorado	February 5
Longmont, Colorado	February 6
Denver, Colorado	February 6
Colorado Springs, Colorado	February 7
Fowler Springs, Colorado	February 8
Phillipsburg, Kansas	February 9
Lorraine, Kansas	February 10
Concordia, Kansas	February 11
Newman Grove, Nebraska	February 12
Hartington, Nebraska	February 13
LeMars, Iowa	February 13

OTHER CONCERTS

Windom, Minnesota	January 9
Pipestone, Minnesota	January 9
Vermillion, South Dakota	March 20
Sioux City, Iowa	March 20
Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Home Concert)	February 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDS JANUARY 31, 1955

The 1954 fiscal year for The Evangelical Lutheran Church ends January 31, 1955. All contributions for the Budget and Lutheran World Action which are to have credit for 1954 are to be in the Treasurer's office by that date. Treasurers are asked to go over their records carefully to see that all money has been sent which should be sent. Each year we have letters of regret because the last remittances were overlooked. Send to Mr. N. H. Nelson, Treasurer, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

LARGE CATECHUMEN CLASS IN NORTH DAKOTA PARISH



ictured herewith are the members of a catechumen class which recently completed an instruction course taught by the Rev. A. O. Grender, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Watford City, N. Dak. On Dec. 12 twenty-two were confirmed and four baptized and admitted to membership along with 78 other new members. The same day Spring Creek Church of the same parish received two new members by adult confirmation.

Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. Mid-winter Evangelistic Conference Feb. 1-6 at Augustana and Central Lutheran Churches, Minneapolis. Further information obtainable from Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, 904 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 3, Minnesota.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS FOR PASTORS

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Robt. L. Johnson, Old Moshi Mission, Private Bag, P. O. Moshi, Tanganyika, East Africa. 12-27-54

G. H. Nerison, 8851 Ball Road, Anaheim, Calif. (temporary). 1-1-55
J. E. Rommercim, 13352 Gilbert, Garden Grove, Cal. (Los Angeles circuit). 1-1-55

Christ Calls Us

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JEWISH AND NEGRO

WORK Mrs. T. Arnold Thompson

In the recent rearrangement of the division of The Evangelical Lutheran Church budget a new division called Lutheran Co-operation has come to be. For all practical purposes this is the same as the well known "Lutheran World Action." Included in Lutheran Co-operation will be all the activities of the National Lutheran Council. This has meant a shift in the mission activities line-up as it pertained to Jewish and Negro work.

Though our Home Mission Department has never directly engaged in this mission activity, it did through its budget contribute to the support of "The Christian Approach to the Jewish People, and the Mission to Minorities," of the National Lutheran Council. Since these are now included in the Lutheran Co-operation, *they have been dropped from the Home Mission Department budget.*

It is of special interest to note the

change in the fundamental approach to the Jewish and Negro people. Traditionally this work has been thought to be best accomplished through institutional missions, a form of segregation. Hence, we have thought in terms of Jewish mission stations. Perhaps some of these may still have to be, but the great emphasis now seems to be to approach the Jews and Negroes through the regular community con-

gregation. This may still mean predominantly Jewish or Negro congregations since they still live in racial groups, but it also means a new challenge to members of well-established congregations where these folks ought to find a church home.

Let us pray for our brethren among the Jews and Negroes. They need the same Savior we have learned to love and serve.

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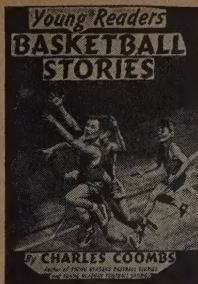
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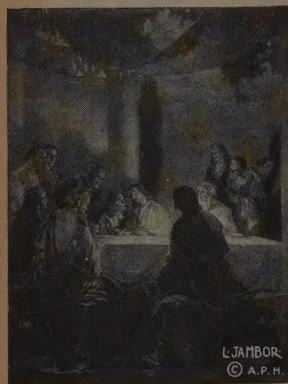


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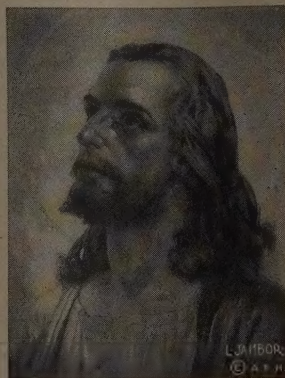
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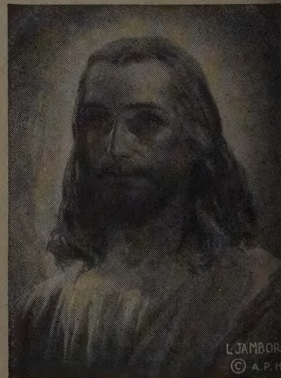
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